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Janis and Anthony,

As a Portland resident, having lived within a few blocks of Bullseye Glass for the last 18 years, I ask you to please put pressure on the State Legislature to quickly change Oregon's air quality regulations.

I have learned a lot in the last week:

- 1). Oregon's air quality regulations are very lax and inadequate compared to most other states. The models to follow are CA, WA, or MN.
- 2). Oregon needs industry-specific regulations for glass manufacturing, which produce a wide variety of toxic emissions such as lead, cadmium, arsenic, chromium VI, selenium, cobalt, etc. as a by-product of creating those pretty colors of stained glass. These toxic emissions are often produced in small factories, which current regulations don't adequately control.
- 3). These emissions impact the air we neighbors breathe, as well as contaminate the soils in our garden, where I have been growing my own vegetables for 18 years. Many of these toxic materials are taken up by plants, so not only have we been breathing them in, we've been ingesting them. Needless to say, I am concerned about the long-term health impacts of this double-whammy of poisoning.

Please use your power to improve Oregon's air quality regulations, and establish funding mechanisms to ensure the appropriate funding for monitoring and enforcement.

Regulations alone are not enough, they are just the first step.

It is critical to also have:

- 1) Leadership at DEQ to be fierce advocates for our environment, and to use their rule-making authority more aggressively;
- 2). Sufficient funding for DEQ staff and equipment to continuously monitor the industry, and enforce the regulations (make the industry pay for the cost of monitoring and enforcement);
- 3). Meaningful penalties for violators
- 4) A sense of urgency from the State Legislature and DEQ - we need action NOW.

Thank you for anything you can do. Please help.

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